

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 9, 2006

HAMPTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY ARRESTED

A Hampton County Sheriff's Deputy was arrested by SLED agents on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, and charged with **Official Misconduct**.

The Sheriff's Deputy is identified as **Israel Verdell Aiken**, 40, of 411 Cemetery Road, Varnville, South Carolina. He was arrested on Tuesday afternoon at approximately 3:00 p.m., and was booked at the Hampton County Detention Center.

The arrest is a result of an investigation conducted by SLED at the request of the Hampton County Sheriff's Office. The case will be prosecuted by the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

* Warrant Attached.

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From-HAMPTON COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE

04:08pm

05-09-2006

ARREST WARRANT

I-811225

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
HAMPTON COUNTY

THE STATE
against

AIKEN, ISRAEL VERDELL

Address: 411 CEMETERY RD.

VARNVILLE, SC 29944

Phone: _____ SSN: _____

Sex: M Race: B Height: _____ Weight: _____

IL State: _____ DL #: _____

DOB: 8/15/1965 Agency ORI#: SC0250000

Prosecuting Agency: HAMPTON SO

Prosecuting Officer: _____

Offense: PUBLIC OFFICIAL, MISCONDUCT

Offense Code: G115

Code/Ordinance Sec. 08-01-0080

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the
☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

_____. The accused
is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to law.

Signature of Judge

Date _____

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant AIKEN, ISRAEL VERDELL

on 5-9-06

H. Mary A. Wist
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

GRACE B. BENNETT
PO BOX 1299
411 CEMETERY
VARNVILLE, SC 29944

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of)
HAMPTON COUNTY)

AFFIDAVIT

Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 618

Personally appeared before me the affiant SPECIAL AGENT MICHELLE D. CHINA who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant AIKEN, ISRAEL VERDELL
did within this county and state on MAR 01, 2006 Thru APR 30, 2006 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of HAMPTON COUNTY)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:
PUBLIC OFFICIAL, MISCONDUCT
08-01-0080

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the
crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Signature of Affiant

Michelle D. China - SED

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of)
HAMPTON COUNTY)

Affiant's Address 6435 A FAIN ST.

N. CHARLESTON, SC 29406

Affiant's Telephone (843) 569-7593

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OF MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that
on MAR 01, 2006 Thru APR 30, 2006 defendant AIKEN, ISRAEL VERDELL

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of HAMPTON COUNTY) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:
PUBLIC OFFICIAL, MISCONDUCT
08-01-0080

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said
defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to
the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
on 5-9-06

Grace B. Bennett (L.S.)
Signature of Issuing Judge

Judge Code: 915
GRACE B. BENNETT

Judge's Address PO BOX 1299 411 CEMETERY
VARNVILLE, SC 29944

Judge's Telephone (803) 943-7511

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

ORIGINAL

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

AFFIDAVIT

COUNTY OF HAMPTON
CITY OF ESTILL

OCA# 31060026

Personally appeared before me, a Magistrate of this County, one **Special Agent Michele D. China**,
SC State Law Enforcement Division who first being duly sworn, deposes and stated that

Israel Verdell Aiken

Black Male, DOB: 8-15-65, SSN: [REDACTED], 411 Cemetery Road, Varnville, SC 29944

did within this County and State between **March, 2006** and **April, 2006**
violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE
Official Misconduct of a Police Officer
Common Law

The affiant states there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the
crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

That between March of 2006, and April of 2006, while employed as a Deputy Sheriff with the Hampton County Sheriff's Office, located in the City of Hampton, County of Hampton, State of South Carolina, the aforesaid, one **Israel Verdell Aiken** did commit the offense of **Official Misconduct of a Police Officer**, a violation of the common law of the State of South Carolina, in that the defendant while holding a position of public trust and having a duty of accountability to the people of the State of South Carolina imposed by the common law and statutory law upon public officials and assumed by the defendant as a matter of law upon his oath, did knowingly, willfully, and corruptly violate the laws of the State of South Carolina. While utilizing his position of public trust while on duty as a Deputy Sheriff and serving at Estill High School, Estill, SC as a School Resource Officer with the Hampton County Sheriff's Office, solicited sexual favor(s) from a female student who was attending school during the course of assigned school days at Estill High School. The facts to establish the aforesaid are that between the above stated dates and while on duty at Estill High School the defendant did on two occasions verbally solicit a female student with the intent to obtain sexual favor(s) and further did by using his authority as an officer, draw the female student to an office area at the school under the guise of discussing a school related activity where the defendant did physically assault the female student when she attempted to leave the office by hitting the student on her posterior. Special Agent Michele D. China, South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division conducted an investigation at the request of the Hampton County Sheriff's Office to prove the same. All this being against the form of the State Statute and against the peace and dignity of the State of South Carolina.

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Sworn to and Subscribed before me
this 9th day of May, 2006.

Mark B. Blum
Signature of Judge

SIA [Signature] - SLED
(AFFIANT)

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